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SUBJECT: SAMORA MACHEL'S SPEECHES CAUSE ALARM

1. SINCE SAMORA MACHEL'S RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE ON MAY 24,
THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO HIS SPEECHES
AS HE BARNSTORMS AROUND COUNTRY. SPEECHES ARE REPETITIOUS,
FORENSIC EXERCISES STRESSING FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL THEMES:

A) FRELIMO IS AGAINST RACISM, TRIBALISM, REGIONALISM, AND
ANYTHING WHICH TENDS TO DIVIDE PEOPLE. MACHEL SPECIFICALLY
ATTACKS ETHNIC OR PREDOMINANTLY RACIAL CLUBS AND CERTAIN
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RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS (JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES AND SEVENTH DAY

ADVENTISTS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED) FOR SEEKING TO DIVIDE PEOPLE.

B) FRELIMO'S ENEMY WAS PORTUGUESE COLONIALIST SYSTEM-- NOT PORTUGUESE PEOPLE. COLONIALISM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN; PROSTITUTION, ALCOHOLISM.

C) ISLAM AND CATHOLIC CHURCH SUPPORTED COLONIALISM. ALTHOUGH FRELIMO PERMITS FREEDOM OF RELIGION, IT INSISTS ON STRICT SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE. ONLY FRELIMO--NOT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS--MAY MOBILIZE PEOPLE.

D) FRELIMO INSISTS ON THE EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN.

E) ALDEAMENTOS WERE CONCENTRATION CAMPS TO ATTACK FRELIMO IDEOLOGY, DESTROY MOZAMBIKAN CULTURE AND PERSONALITY, AND PROMOTE CORRUPTION. "THROUGHOUT WORLD, I (MACHEL) HAVE ONLY SEEN CAMPS OF THIS TYPE, CAMPS CREATED BY HITLER AND BY AMERICANS IN VIETNAM". ELSEWHERE MACHEL SAYS FRELIMO WILL PROMOTE AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES OF 800-1200 FAMILIES.

F) EXODUS: WHOEVER IS ABANDONING MOZAMBIQUE IS "RACIST, REACTIONARY, COLONIALIST". SINCE SUCH PERSONS CANNOT FIND PLACE IN PORTUGAL, WHERE PROGRESSIVE FORCES NOW REIGN, EMIGRANTS ARE GOING TO RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA, OR BRAZIL, WHICH IS PROVIDING ASYLUM FOR CAETANO AND TOMAS.

G) FOREIGN AFFAIRS: MACHEL DIVIDES WORLD INTO TWO CAMPS: "SO-CALLED FREE WORLD" WHICH SUPPORTED COLONIALISM (SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ENGLAND, BELGIUM, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY); AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHO PROVIDED MATERIAL, POLITICAL, MORAL, AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR "OPPRESSED PEOPLES". HE SAID MOZAMBIQUE WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, WITH EXCEPTION OF REACTIONARY ONES. SOUTH AFRICA WILL CHANGE ITS SYSTEM WITHOUT NEED FOR WAR; RHODESIAN CHANGE EXPECTED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE; CHILE AND SPAIN ARE ONLY REMAINING FASCIST COUNTRIES AND WILL BE OVERTHROWN BY PEOPLE. MACHEL CHASTISED BANDA FOR NOT HELPING FRELIMO AND EVEN DELAYING VICTORY BY ALLOWING "PIDE AGENTS TO WORK INSIDE MALAWI" AND NOTED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RAILROAD THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE "GIVES FOOD TO MALAWI" (OBLIQUE STATEMENT OF PRESSURE MOZAMBIQUE CAN APPLY IF IT SO DESIRES).

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOME OF MACHEL'S THEMES ARE REASONABLE, HE COMES ACROSS ON THE RADIO AS WILD, DEMAGOGUE BENT ON STIRRING UP THE EMOTIONS AND PREJUDICES HE IS OSTENSIBLY TRYING TO QUELL. STRONG, PROVOCATIVE LANGUAGE HE USES AND STRIDENT DELIVERY HAS SPEEDED UP EXODUS OF NON-BLACK POPULA-

TION. VARIOUS SOURCES INDICATE MAIN MOTIVE OF PRIME MINISTER
CHISSANO'S RECENT TRIP NORTH TO SEE MACHEL WAS EFFORT TO
PERSUADE MACHEL TO MODERATE TONE OF HIS SPEECHES.
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